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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for managing data including the steps of:
 - (a) creating a questionnaire comprising a series of questions;
 - (b) tokenizing said questionnaire for reducing bandwidth requirements; thereby producing a plurality of tokens representing said questionnaire;
 - (c) transmitting said plurality of tokens to a remote computing device;
 - (d) executing at least a portion of said plurality of tokens representing said questionnaire at said remote computing device to collect a response from a user;
 - (e) transmitting at least a portion of said response from the user to a server via a network; and
 - (f) storing said response at said server.
2. (Original) The method for managing data of claim 1 further comprising the step of:
 - (g) translating said response to a format recognizable by a particular computer program; and
 - (h) accessing the translated response from a computer executing said particular computer program.
3. (Original) The method for managing data of claim 1 wherein step (a) includes the substeps of:
 - (a) creating a questionnaire by:
 - (i) entering a series of questions into a questionnaire design computer program;

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- (ii) identifying within said questionnaire design computer program the type of response allowed for each question of said series of questions; and
 - (iii) identifying within said questionnaire design computer program a branching path in said questionnaire for each possible response to each question of said series of questions.
- 4. (Original) The method for managing data of claim 1 wherein step (b) includes the substeps of:
 - (b) tokenizing said questionnaire thereby producing a plurality of tokens representing said questionnaire by:
 - (i) assigning at least one token to each question of said series of questions;
 - (ii) assigning at least one token to each response called for in said series of questions to identify the type of response required; and
 - (iii) assigning at least one token to each branch in said questionnaire to identify the required program control associated with said branch.
- 5. (Original) The method of data management of claim 1 wherein the transmission of said tokens in step (c) occurs via the network of step (e).
- 6. (Original) A method for modifying a questionnaire used in data management according to the method of claim 1 including the steps of:
 - (a) making at least one incremental change to a portion of the questionnaire;
 - (b) tokenizing said at least one incremental change to said questionnaire;
 - (c) transmitting at least a portion of said tokens resulting from step (b) to a remote computing device, said transmitted tokens comprising less than the entire tokenized questionnaire;
 - (d) incorporating said transmitted tokens into said questionnaire at said remote computing device.

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7. (Original) A method for collecting survey data from a user comprising:
- (a) designing a questionnaire having branching logic on a first computer platform;
 - (b) automatically transferring said designed questionnaire to at least one loosely networked computer;
 - (c) executing said transferred questionnaire on said loosely networked computer, thereby collecting responses from the user;
 - (d) automatically transferring via the loose network any responses so collected to a central computer; and,
 - (e) making available on the Web any responses transferred to said central computer in step (d).

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8. (Original) The method for collecting survey data according to claim 7 further comprising:

- (a) assessing a charge for each transferred response received by said central computer.

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9. (Currently Amended) A method for managing data transfers between computers including the steps of:
- (a) creating a questionnaire at a first site in a first computer located at a second site, said first site and said second site being connected by a loose network;
 - (b) transmitting said question to a remote computer via said network, said remote computer running an OIS;
 - (c) modifying said questionnaire with incremental changes at a third site in said first computer located at said second site; and
 - (d) modifying said questionnaire in said remote computer with said incremental changes.